

I trust Mrs Gray is well -
I desire to be kindly remembered
to her

Trusting you to secure
my trusting you were

Yours faithfully
by dear Dr Gray

Wm Barrett

British Museum
15 Nov 1870.

My dear Dr Gray,

Mr Bennett has resolved
to resign his position at the
Museum, and he is doing what
he can to secure my succession -
Mr Jones, the principal Officer in
the Museum, also gives me his
cordial support, - and there
is not I believe any other
candidate - but as the appoint-
ment is in the hands of the
Trustees, Mr Jones & Mr Bennett
consider that their hands must
be strengthened by Sir his own
The honour you did me

in the proposal you made
in some months since
is the best testimony I can
have received or can expect
to receive - but as that is
not presentable to the
Trustees I am going to ask
you if you will favour
me with a testimonial.

Mr Bennett is within a
few weeks of 70 years of age
he is still very well - but
his month's holiday in the
Country has done him much
good; and he has decided
that it is better to secure
as far as possible good
health, by a permanent
residence in the Country.

It is I know influenced
by his kindly feelings towards
me also.

I hope you have secured
before this a suitable colleague.
Of course this unexpected change
in such happy circumstances
greatly reconciles me to what
was to myself a serious self-
denial in deciding to stay

here - It is a great
pleasure to know that Dr. Dalt
is not making the way for
me - I trust that many
years of active life are yet
in store for my best friend
Mr Bennett - I know I shall
benefit from his counsel as
long as he is able to give it.